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Patton Fabricates Resume: Accolades an Elaborate Ruse

By Joseph Battell

In a “House of Cards”-like ploy, President-elect Dr. Laurie L. Patton was revealed to have falsified her background following the release of a private email. Patton addressed this email to her husband, Shalom Goldman, and confessed that her expansive curricula vitae — which includes a B.A. from Harvard College, an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, authorship of nine scholarly books and two volumes of original poetry, and working fluency in six languages — was completely fabricated.

In her message to Goldman, Patton wrote, “Lol i lied about my background & middleberry still hired me for the position hahaha now i am #elpresidante [money bag emoji].”

The email was discovered by computer science majors who were working on the midd_un-

plugged wireless network. The email revealed that Goldman also counterfeited his qualifications for a tenured position with the Department of Religion.

Chair of the Presidential Search Committee Al Dragontooth Jr. ’78 expressed his deep embarrassment following the email’s release. For six months, Dragontooth led a 20-member committee that considered over 250 highly qualified individuals for the presidency.

“I guess Laurie’s background was too good to be true,” Dragontooth said. “The committee figured something was fishy when [Patton] asked us who ‘that Dalai Lama guy’ was, despite having apparently completed extensive graduate work in religion. We figured she just had a good sense of humor, and that was a plus in our book.”

In response to the scandal, President of the College Ron-

ald D. Liebowitz issued a public apology in an email addressed to students, staff, and faculty.

“We screwed up, but my last day is still July 1st, 2015,” he wrote. “I wish Middlebury best with its future endeavors.”

Patton and Goldman have since fled from their residence in Durham, North Carolina, where they pretended to be professors at Duke University. They carry with them Patton’s \$120,000 sign-on bonus, which was paid in cash. A modern-day Bonnie and Clyde, their current whereabouts remain unknown.

Director of Public Safety Lisa Bugatti is adamant the two convicts will be brought to justice and return with the College’s hard-earned money.

“We’ve got everyone on the squad tracking Laurie and Shalom down,” she said, “They will definitely be getting citations for this one.”



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President-Elect Laurie Patton was found in this compromising position last Wednesday in Tampa, Florida, of all places.

New Logo Gets Emoji Makeover

By Big Poppa

The College released its new logo over spring break, updating the identity system that was only just announced at the start of the new year. The new logo is a revised edition of the controversial “shield” logo the College rolled out only a few months ago.

“We wanted to accommodate student feedback about the logo by making a few tweaks to the design,” College Communications Graphic Designer Dan Peroutky said. “Students had been discussing that the January logo appeared to contain emojis within the shield, so we decided to go for this look whole-hog.”

The new shield now features a winking face with the tongue sticking out in place of the globe icon and a high-five emoji in place of the book.

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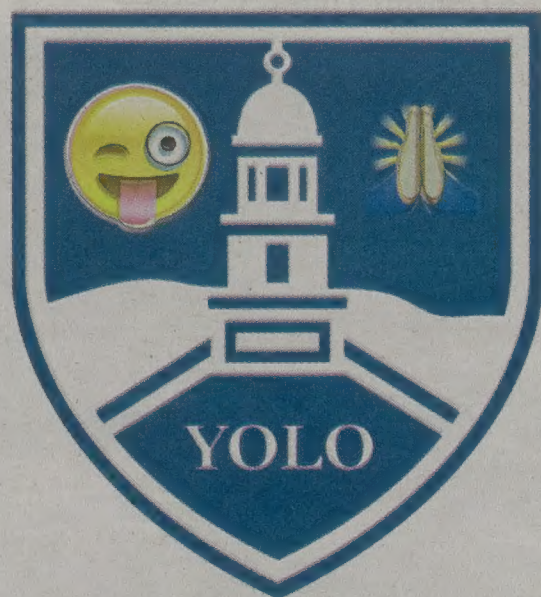
that the new logo appeals to students growing up in the Internet age.

“We have to meet students where they live, and where they live is online,” Peroutky said. “Obviously, the College’s strength in academics and international studies is a draw for some, but hammering home the fact that our College is tech-savvy and knows our way around an iPhone keyboard is even better.”

Students responded with shrugs.

“Well, it’s not worse than the previous version,” Ernest Madden ’17 said. “That was straight-up terrible.”

The inclusion of the winky-face was designed to illustrate “Middlebury’s ever-optimistic spirit,” according to Peroutky. The high-five is to represent the “collaboration with which students pursue their academic goals,” Peroutky said.



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The new logo featured above really surpassed expectations for many students and alumni. Using emojis was a hip idea.

Economics Not Business School, Students Find

By Heven Stauschka

Despite the drastic over-enrollment of many economics courses this semester, students are expressing more confusion than ever over the usefulness of the coursework for obtaining massive amounts of wealth.

“I went to my interview at Morgan Stanley, and I didn’t have to draw a single supply and demand graph,” Steven Dorset ’15 said.

“They gave me a blank look when I asked what the firm’s ‘shutdown point’ was, and didn’t even want to see the research paper I did on the relationship between player salary and on base percentage! I guess I just assumed they used STATA at investment banks,” Dorset added.

A “We the Middkids” petition demanding the College found a business school, with classes in accounting, finance, and management, has attracted over 500 signatures. President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz, facing pressure from both students and parents, issued a response on Tuesday.

“I understand that students are concerned about being prepared for careers that promise financial security, but business school is simply not compatible with the liberal arts. A liberal arts education is special because every major is useless

in the workplace—unless you want to be a professor, and well, those guys just aren’t dying fast enough for it to be reliable career path,” Liebowitz said.

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DOROTHY CAROL ’18

“Being a Midd student obviously I’m concerned with inequality and the wealth gap. That said, I’m gonna get mine and cash some checks at Goldman this summer,” Lance Phuddypants ’16 said.

Parents are equally confused. Economics majors frequently point to pressure from their

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LANCE PHUDDYPANTS ’16

parents to be employable.

“When my son told me he wanted to be an English major, I threatened to disown him. Why didn’t he understand the necessity of learning abstract and unprovable theories about consumption and production? Reading and writing is for broke

nerds,” Geraldine McFlurry (P ’17) said in an email.

The campus-wide realization has fixed over-enrollment, with students dissipating to every department on campus in a revolutionary effort to follow their passions.

“Who knew that this class on greek philosophy could be more thought provoking and discussion based than Intro to Micro and Macro economics, Economic Statistics, Regression Analysis, and Micro and Macroeconomic theory,” Fred Robbins ’17.5 said.

He added, “I don’t want to have regrets. I don’t want to miss out on cool classes. I also don’t want to be a poor loser.”

“I was amazed when Professor Matthews didn’t say ‘private equity’ once in all 12 weeks of my Intro to Macroeconomics class,” said Dorothy Carol ’18.

“I guess I just assumed that if I learned about money, it would help me make money.”

In an effort to clear up confusion, the CCI distributed a survey to Alumni in finance who

were economics majors, asking them to highlight the most applicable experiences they had in the classroom. “Cheating the system, whether honor code or insider trading” was the most frequent response, and was statistically significant at the 5 percent level.

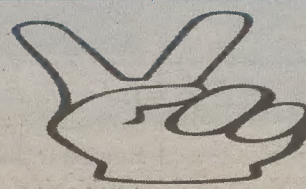
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SGA UPDATE

By Josh Earnest

At exactly 8:07 p.m. this past Thursday evening, the Student Government Association convened to discuss many important and notable bills pertaining to the most important facets of student life here at the College. SGA President Taylor Custer '15 motioned the beginning of the meeting with three pounds of the new SGA presidential gavel. This marks the successful implementation of the new SGA Gavel Efficiency Bill, which has been the main topic of debate for the previous month of meetings.

After extensive discussion surrounding the success of the new gavel bill at gathering and focusing the Senate, the meeting continued with other topics of discussion at approximately 8:47.

Senator Britney Spears '17 introduced the Without Transparency Failure act. This Bill, a response to the tailgating ban enacted by the administration this past fall, is aimed at suggesting that maybe there should be increased student involvement in administrative decisions surrounding alcohol consumption on campus.

Custer, obviously still disgruntled after the administration failed to tell him in advance about the tailgating ban stated, "I was literally the last person to know. In fact I read about it in the *Campus*."

He later said, "But I don't know what we can actually do at this point. We already asked for a lot out of the administration by getting Proctor printer." The Bill was later tabled by a unanimous decision.

Next, following the recent passing of the Coffee Hour Act, which provides one coffee hour a week for students to talk to their senators, Senator Lil Wayne '18 proposed a bill to add Grille Cookies into this equation. Intense discussion followed as parties from both sides argued their ground. The majority of senators even stopped scrolling through their Facebook news feed to chime in.

The bill eventually passed by a slim margin, and only after both chocolate chip and peanut butter cup options were included. Just minutes later, the bill was amended to include gluten free options.

"It's times like these when I'm really proud of the Senate's ability to overcome our differences and collectively come to some pretty powerful decisions," Custer said.

Custer then proposed the new Email Efficiency Act, which would make sure students are constantly kept in the loop to fight widespread student apathy about the all-important actions of the SGA. While Custer usually sends out an average of 28 all-student emails a week, this new act would provide hourly SGA updates to the student body.

Aimed at increased transparency for the hidden inner workings of this prestigious governing body, the act would make sure students are never surprised by the such drastic changes as the proctor printer. The bill includes a subsection requiring a weekly SGA survey to gauge student support of SGA activity.

In the final minutes of the meeting Senator Joe Biden '16.5 proposed a bill stemming off of recent Honor Code discussions. The "To Vote or Not to Vote" bill would allow the SGA to hold a vote to hold a vote to determine if students should vote on holding a vote on revising the honor code.

After much deliberation, the motion passed by a thin margin and the SGA plans to follow through with said procedure in the upcoming weeks.

COLLEGE SAYS CLASS OF '19.75 SMELLS LIKE \$\$\$

By Money Maker & Booty Shaker

On Saturday, Mar. 28, Middlebury College Admissions accepted its first class of April-admit students. The "Apes" will arrive on campus as members of the Class of 2019.75.

"We are very excited for this new opportunity to introduce yet another class of hyper-privileged but seemingly down-to-earth students to the campus community," said Dean of Admissions Greg Buckles. "Apes are not only exceptional students - one member of the incoming class is a world renowned adult model, and another is a published scholar on boarding school culture."

The Ape program operates very similarly

to the long withstanding Feb program. Apes will arrive on campus in mid-April and stay for a full four years of sort of fitting in but not quite. April Graduation Celebration will entail a Tough Mudder-esque race down the melted Snow Bowl.

"We were looking for students who could handle the emotional demands of social ostracization as well as the physical demands of running a three mile race though the toughest, muddiest conditions," said Chrisleaux Fire, April Admissions Coordinator.

"Additionally, we looked for students who could handle the academic pressures of beginning their coursework right before final exam season begins. We're pretty sure they

are all going to fail their first semester," he continued.

Amidst complaints of overcrowding in residence halls, the administration will develop underutilized space.

"We ran out of common rooms to turn into doubles, so the College is erecting a 'tent-city' on Battell Beach," said Buckles. "There will be a mess tent that serves Snow Bowl Chili, to keep students cozy-warm in the deep of winter!"

President of the College Ron Liebowitz said, "Not only will they bring new energy to the campus, but they will also help pay for next year's unlimited cereal. We took out a serious loan for it so students would back off divestment."

Robert Durst Murders College Student

By Cassandra Bullwinkle

In a shocking recent discovery, police are now linking Robert Durst, serial killer, sociopath and small business owner in Middlebury, to the disappearance of a College student in 1971. Even more shocking is that Middlebury has gotten more publicity in the past few weeks due to Durst and this alleged murder than it has over its past two centuries of academic achievement.

"I had never heard of Middlebury before the murder," said renowned horticulturist and scholar Mimi Walker. "That logo made me think it was a community college, but, after hearing about Durst, I was surprised to learn it was a good school."

Middlebury is quickly learning there is no such thing as bad press. The alleged murder has brought the Middlebury name into more households, and, this year, application numbers skyrocketed for prospective students who are not rich, white, or from New England.

"I am utterly dumbfounded," said Dean of Admissions Greg Buckles. "Application numbers have never been this high."

Likewise, since the discovery of the alleged murder, Vermonters have become even more self-righteous. Townspeople have congregated to express their dismay for the situation.

"This is a safe place," said local resident Tommy Ingrid. "We don't let people get away with anything around here: cursing, crossing the street without waving, and not buying local, so a murder on our watch is particularly unsettling."

Students on campus have been equally concerned, as well.

"I, like, cannot believe a murder happened in this town," said Gina Gumbree '15. "Do you know how scary that is? All I do is study, workout, and get drunk and, like, I would really like to do those things in peace, without a serial killer disrupting us all."

"I have a bright future, a bright, bright future," said Danny Darco '16.5. "I have millions to make and this whole situation has made me reevaluate if I'll make it there."

The Middlebury Police department has assured townsfolk and students that Durst is in custody and will be prosecuted to the

fullest extent of the law.

"We know people are scared, but we are confident Durst will not murder anyone else," said Chief of Police Madeon Williams. "It will be tough, undoubtedly, because for decades our job only entailed giving under-aged college students drinking citations, but I think we will be fine."

Likewise, Durst's prosecutor has ensured the town and greater United States that Durst will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

"We realize that we let Durst go a few decades back ... even though his neighbor had been found dead and we found a bone saw, over \$37,000 in cash, and the neighbor's blood-stained clothes in the backseat of Durst's car. However, we have made it a tradition of letting rich, white men off, so why would we stop now?" said Prosecutor Dick Chandler.

He continued, "But now, around six or so murders later, we mean business. We will make sure he gets at least a few years behind bars."

Until then, the terrified Middlebury community will continue on as usual, striving for some sense of normalcy.

Dickinson Wins Feminist Award

By Krazy Kat

As part of a time honored-tradition, the Feminist of the Year Awards took place on Saturday, March 29th in the backyard of the Chellis House. Political Science Professor Matthew Dickinson - always the bridesmaid but never the bride - was finally the recipient of the prestigious Faculty Feminist of the Year Award.

"I'm very honored" Dickinson said, beaming with pride. "It's not often, especially on this campus, that white males in position of authority get any recognition. Let's face it - we are the forgotten minority."

For Dickinson, the road to Faculty Feminist of the Year was not an easy one. For two consecutive years, he was nominated for the award but removed from

the list by the Chellis House, who said he didn't look like a feminist.

There were also blunders of his own; Dickinson offended members of the Chellis House community by suggesting that Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies (GSFS) was a "softer" discipline than Political Science. And, as department chair, he refused to sponsor an event designed to empower women to participate in politics because it excluded men. "It's hard enough for men and women at Middlebury to meet - why compound the problem? Also, I was cautioned by administration lawyers that we'd be accused of gender bias if we sponsored a women's only event," Dickinson explained in defending his decision.

Those closest to him expressed shock

when told Dickinson won the award. "What the f*ck?" exclaimed Political Science Department Chair Bert Johnson. But Middlebury alum Max Kagan, who sent a formal complaint to Dean of the Faculty Andi Lloyd last year when his nomination of Dickinson was snubbed by Chellis House, expressed deep satisfaction with Dickinson's selection: "I know from experience that he treats his women students no better than he treats the men," Kagan opined.

Dickinson says the award has inspired him to develop a GSFS course on women and the presidency in time for the 2016 election. As part of the course, he hopes to get departmental funding to bring Monica Lewinsky to campus.

NEW HOUSING TO BECOME "RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ BICENTENNIAL LIVING"



The newly constructed trailer park, pictured above, will fit in nicely with the rest of the surrounding area. The College's Language Schools expect to simulate a South American favela experience for students. The housing was constructed to honor President Ronald D. Liebowitz's 11 years as President at the College, which will end in July 2015.

ADDISON INDEPENDENT LITE

The Middlebury Campus

Vt Breaks Ground Into Fossil Fuel Future

By Alessandria B.F. Press

Vermont's energy sources have been shifting over the past decade to greener, more sustainable resources. However, the future of energy in the Green Mountain State took a sharp turn in an unexpected direction with this week's discovery of coal in the Green Mountains and oil and natural gas in the northern Champlain Valley. From now on, gas will only be available for consumption through hydraulic fracturing. Coal, on the other hand, will be extracted from the Green Mountains via mountain-top removal mining techniques.

FossilUtilitiesVT (FUVT), a new energy start-up based out of Burlington, will spearhead the extraction. FUVT is no ordinary, profit-driven energy company—it has a greater mission: to free prehistoric, fossilized organisms from their years of disuse beneath the earth's surface. Despite their noble mission statement, some residents are wary of FUVT's motives.

"I feel like FUVT has just come in and given us all the middle finger. So much for my CowPower credits and solar panels," said a local organic famer.

"I think FUVT situates our state in a good place politically. If the U.S. starts to take a downward spiral, we can just secede and already be energy independent. Switching to FUVT is a good move," said a vocal Vermont secessionist.

In 2012, Vermont became the first state to ban hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, as a means to release natural gas reserves from tight rocks. Although no fracking had occurred in Vermont at that time, the state took this precautionary measure because of the human and environmental health risks, such as contaminated groundwater, earthquakes, and release of methane. Although Vermont banned fracking, it continued to import fracked gas from Canada.

The ban on fracking is just one of many momentous steps to a greener future that Vermont has taken. In 2011, a plan called

for 90 percent of the state's energy needs to be met by renewable sources including hydro, wind, solar, and biomethane by 2050.

Many Vermonters are surprised and dismayed to see their state begin a love affair with fossil fuels. However, the new discovery of these resources is proving too hard to resist.

The coal mines will employ over 2000 Vermonters. Unemployment for birds will be solved as well, since 300 canaries will be employed to ensure that workers are not subject to air quality that would violate OSHA standards. A quick turnover rate is expected for canaries, so likely up to 600 will be employed in a given year. While OSHA may be satisfied with this option, PETA may not be. FUVT declined to comment on this.

The coal mine in Vermont will only be burned in-state so as to increase Vermont's energy independence. Coal burning power plants will only be permitted on the eastern side of the state so that the sulfuric acid emitted pollutes New Hampshire's air or water quality, not Vermont's. Increased reliance on locally sourced coal will decrease foreign hydroelectric power from Hydro-Quebec, which currently provides roughly 50 percent of the state's electricity. With so much locally sourced

energy, Vermont may be on the path to becoming a microgrid some day.

In the event that Vermont secedes, as advocated by some candidates in the 2014 gubernatorial race, the nation of Vermont will be well poised to meet the energy needs of its citizens. Not only will Vermont be independent in its electricity production, but it will produce its own oil as well.

The oil fields in the Northern Champlain Valley will have to import consultants, since there is no local knowledge of drilling in Vermont. FUVT currently plans to hire experts from BP. BP was chosen



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Consultants from BP and FUVT outline the future landscape of the Champlain Valley.

since Vermonters are typically environmentally conscious and BP has experience dealing with the environmental hazards associated with drilling.

The final, and possibly most lucrative, energy resource found is a large reserve of natural gas. To many residents' anger, the only way to extract this gas is fracking. However, some see the idea of fracking in Vermont in a positive light.

"With the Green Mountains being such an old mountain range, it seems like it's about time we shook things up a bit with a good blast here or there," said a Brattleboro resident who lives nowhere near the fracking sites.

FUVT is thrilled that the natural gas reserves are located close to Lake Champlain.

"We're so fortunate to be located near Lake Champlain, a wonderful natural resource," said an FUVT representative. "The lake provides ample water for fracking, as well as a good holding place for used up water and fracking fluid."

"What about the existing solar, wind, hydro, and biomethane plants around the state?" asked one resident in a town meeting about the pipeline.

All hydroelectric dams are on 30 to 50 year permits, so as each permit comes due, it will not be renewed. The dams will then be deconstructed to restore the natural flow

of the stream ecosystems that have been disrupted by these dams for decades. Flood control dams will not be deconstructed, as they do not provide competition to FUVT.

Many solar fields have been installed in the past 5 years, so they are still working well. They will stay, as long as they do not inhibit the extraction or transportation of coal, oil, or natural gas. However, solar fields are declining in popularity anyway, since Vermont landowners have realized that it is only sunny about 50 percent of the time, and even when the sun is shining, the panels are trapped beneath the snow.

Farms currently producing power by burning biomethane, such as those participating in Green Mountain Power's CowPower program, will be retrofitted to burn natural gas.

"We don't want CowPower producers to suffer, since many have invested in the biomethane infrastructure, but not yet broken even on the investment," said a spokesperson from FUVT. "Through the construction of a network of pipelines, we will give these farmers the opportunity to burn natural gas released by fracking so they don't lose money."

Grab your gas masks, start bottling your water, and hold tight as Vermont powers ahead to a new, local, energy-independent future.

Vermont Secedes and Forms New Country

By Isabelle V. T. Digger

This year Vermont had a lot of trouble electing a governor. After the first round of elections left no decisive winner, Shumlin was elected by a special council. However, when the people of Vermont voted to approve this choice they unanimously decided to secede from the union instead of voting for a new governor.

The territory that previously made up the state of Vermont is now the nation of Vermont, as of yesterday.

The state is planning on making the symbols on their flag emojis because Middlebury College recently used emojis for their own logo and that ended up working really well.

Legislation for the new nation has yet to be set but several laws have already been established in the Vermont Constitution, written yesterday:

1. All syrups besides Pure Vermont Maple Syrup are to be banished.
2. Ski lessons are mandatory.

3. Moose are legal domestic pets.
4. All billboards are to be banished. Not just those on the sides of the roads.

5. No more cows are allowed to be imported until the number of people at least equals the number of cows.

"Vermonters have always had very strong opinions and a unique voice," said ex-governor Peter Shumlin. "In this case, however, I just wish that they had chosen

to exercise their voice in a different way. I am very sad."

This move has actually been a while in the making. Vermont has long considered itself to identify more with Canada than the other states in the US.

"No one in America really understands Vermonters," explained a local Vermonter. "They think that we're stuck in autumn for most of the year, and they just use us for our maple syrup. But we're more than that."

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LOCAL NEWS WRITER

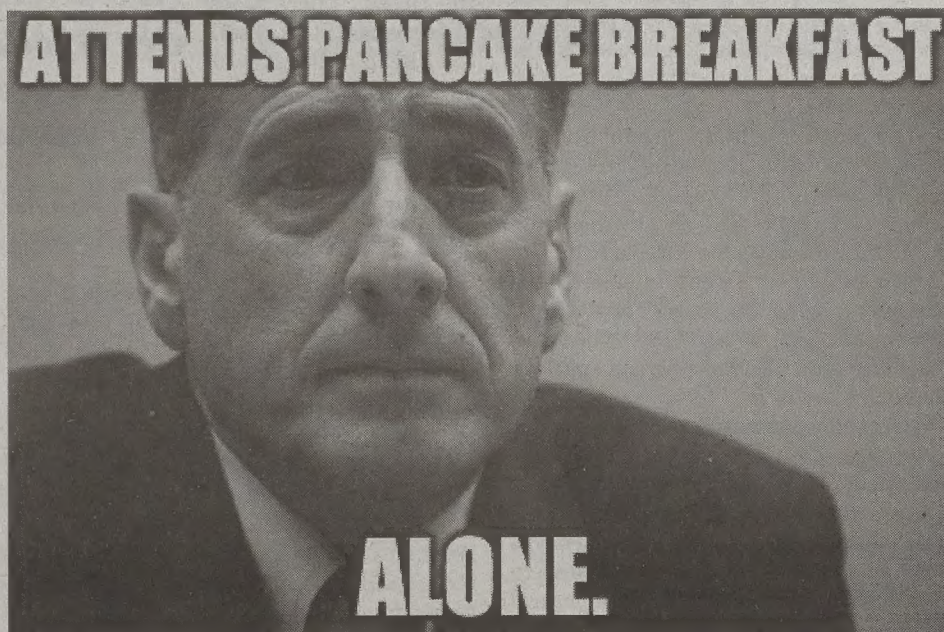
The biggest benefactor of this move is probably the Local News section of the Campus.

"It's really fun to see Vermont making some real news," said a writer for the Local section of the Campus, who asked to remain anonymous. "Usually our editors just give us stories about moose sightings or slight fluctuations in the seasonal maple tree count. One time they asked me to re-

port on a story from Canada and pretend it happened in Vermont."

Most of the other states did not care that Vermont seceded, although one state in particular was not happy.

"Now we just look stupid," said a spokesperson for New Hampshire. "How can you be a twin state without a twin? Honestly."



HARRY CRAMER

Ex-governor Peter Shumlin was not re-elected when Vermont seceded from the Union.

Vt. Decides on House Stark Motto

By Isabelle V. T. Digger

Vermont recently changed its motto to "Winter Is Coming," the well-known motto of House Stark in the *Game of Thrones* series by George R. R. Martin. In the *Game of Thrones* series, House Stark lives in the North, close to the Wall so is hit by winter the hardest out of all of the houses. In real life, Vermont is in the northeast of the United States, right by the border of Canada, so is hit the hardest by winter out of all of the states.

"Alaska was too slow to claim the idea," said governor of Vermont Peter Shumlin. "This motto is ours now."

Vermont's state motto was previously "Freedom and Unity." After a student recently suggested that Vermont add a Latin motto to its current English motto, legislators took another look at the state's motto. That's when they realized that "Freedom and Unity" had really nothing to do with Vermont at all.

"We picked this new motto because it stands for everything that Vermont stands for - which is winter," said Shumlin. "Even when it's summer in Vermont, everyone is painfully aware that winter is only a few months away. In fact, we often have snow in July anyways. One could argue that winter has already come to Vermont, and is staying permanently."

Vermont legislators held twenty ses-

sions in the past week to decide the state motto. One source disclosed that other *Game of Thrones* house mottos were considered, such as the unofficial House Lannister motto, "A Lannister Always Pays His Debts." However, those mottos were found to be (after a lengthy debate) completely irrelevant.

"We are all very excited about the motto change," said the legislative source. "This is probably our biggest legislative decision in the past decade."

Vermont winters sometimes begin in October and go through April. That means that Vermont winters can last for seven months, which is over half of the year.

"Sure, I wear long underwear under my Halloween costume most years," said a local Vermonter. "I also wear long underwear under my jeans in December, and under my Easter clothes, and on Valentine's Day. Most days I forget what I look like when I'm not wearing thirteen layers of clothes. I sleep with seven pairs of socks on each foot."

Some scholars argue that in *Game of Thrones*, the House Stark motto has a deeper meaning that references the emo-



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Governor of Vt Pete Shumlin speaking.

tional winters (aka hard times) that everyone experiences in their lifetime. This is not true in Vermont. The state only wants to reference the seasonal winter that it is forced to endure.

"We just have really long winters, in a literal sense," said a Vermonter. "Once winter comes it doesn't leave. We just want people to know that, so they can prepare by learning how to ski so they can get to work and maybe even moving to Hawaii if they have the means to do so."

Shumlin denied any implications that Vermont's state motto was changed to warn innocents away from moving to the frigid state. In other news, Texas' state motto is "Friendship."

"We picked this new motto because it stands for everything that Vermont stands for - which is winter."

PETER SHUMLIN
VERMONT GOVERNOR



DITCHING THE DINING HALL

By Annie R. Herald

Situated on the heart of Main Street, Dump Diner opened its doors for business Wednesday, April 1. Dump Diner is living up to the hype created prior to its opening, and it is clear that the Diner is set to become a highlight of the town's culinary scene.

Mr. Joe Hash, founder and head chef of Dump Diner, revealed to the *Campus* why he felt motivated to start his enterprise.

"In Vermont, there is too much emphasis on all natural and local foods," Mr. Hash said. "I am sick and tired of having to pay extra for these amenities, which I view as an unnecessary scam."

Mr. Hash, who prefers to be called Sloppy Joe, continued to say, "I wanted to offer people the option to get back to the cheap, chemically infused food that we all know and love."

The menu is a direct product of this school of thought. Excluding free-range meat, all natural ingredients, gluten-free options and vegetarian substitutes from the menu, Sloppy Joe instead turned to processed meat, trans fats, artificial sweeteners, high fructose corn syrup, monosodium glutamate (MSG), food colorings and food paste as primary ingredients for his food.

In response to how he justifies the use of such ingredients in his food, Mr. Hash responded, "Listen, if it's good enough to grow, it's good enough to eat. At its core," Mr. Hash continued, "the food industry is just like any other industry - to survive in it, you have to remember that your central goal is figuring out how you will turn a profit. If I have to rip off my customers to

do it, so be it. I use Perdue Chicken as my model: now that's a company that knows how to churn out a profit."

Customers so far have commented that they find the Dump Diner a nice relief. Eleanor Shwarz, mother of three and trainer at Middlebury Fitness was extremely pleased with her experience. "I ordered the I Like Big Buns Cinnabun. It was delicious! The service was excellent, and I liked how the Dump was screening eating contests on the TV because it really motivated me to finish my food."

Andrew Hack, owner of Yogurt City in town, revealed that he feared for his own business in light of the Dump's opening.

"How am I supposed to compete with the flavoring and portion sizes of the Shake It 'Till You Make it Milkshake? It tastes so much better than the all natural ingredients I use, fills you up so much faster and is half the price."

Even Nicholas Manjarrez, member of the College's Middlebury Foods organization fell subject to the appeal of the Diner. "There really is something to be said for cheap, filling food. I've already been to the Dump three times since its opening. My favorite item so far is the Fill Me Up Buttercup, which is a stick of butter melted between two-slices of Wonder Bread."

When asked about his personal relationship to food, Mr. Hash told the *Campus*, "I don't eat to live, I live to eat." Further, Hash commented, "I no longer want to feel shunned or looked down on because I choose to eat food that is bad for my body. My body is my own machine, and I get to decide how I want to fuel it."

The Dump Diner's opening has sparked a debate among members of Vermont's food industry. Kitty Peterson, who works for Shelburne Farms, a nonprofit, where she helps to educate the commu-

nity on sustainability said that Mr. Hash's mindset has really affected the way she views the government funding the farm receives. "If Mr. Hash's message about cheap, unhealthy food continues to become more popular, what if the government stops funding our farm?"

Stan Levine, an instrumental figure in outlining the food goals and initiatives that the State should reach by 2020 is equally concerned by emergence of Joe Hash's dump diner. "The growing popularity of Mr. Hash's message about cheap, unhealthy food threatens the very existence of our initiative. If people continue

to dine at the Dump Diner, they will no longer be interested in the sustainable messages my colleagues and I have worked so hard to cultivate."

Even health professionals admit that Mr. Hash does have a point. Dr. Steven Levine, a pediatrician at Addison Family Medicine, said, "To be honest, much of the research done on the effect of unhealthy foods is overblown. I'd rather my patients eat ten hamburgers than ten salads: they will be happier."

Mr. Hash fells proud to have sparked this developing dialogue. "I hope that as the Dump continues to be successful, customers and spectators will realize that all this fuss about the Vermont Food System is unnecessary and easily avoidable. Imagine where our state would be if we abolished the current budget towards the food industry and reallocated it to other sectors in the economy; we could have waterslides instead of roads or a permanent mist that always kept the weather sixty and sunny!"

For now, locals turn to Mr. Joe Hash and his Diner waiting to see what will happen next.

"There really is something to be said for cheap, filling food ... My favorite item so far is the Fill Me Up Buttercup, which is a stick of butter melted between two slices of Wonder Bread."

NICHOLAS MANJARREZ
MEMBER OF MIDDLEBURY FOODS

LOCAL LOWDOWN 02

Workshop on How to Make it Feel like 70 and Sunny in your Mind

Are the cold weather blues getting you down? Stop by the police station to listen to Joe Shmoe, the convicted weatherman, help you find your inner beach. Although he was put in jail for repeatedly falsely advertising the weather, his ability to help individuals feel like they are in a warm climate without actually being in one is unparalleled. Since no tickets are required, it is recommended that you arrive early to beat the crowds. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to cure your seasonal depression. Let Joe Shmoe help you get to a place where you can be delusional about the weather, and finally accept it for what it is!

JUNE 1, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast in Bristol

You know what Vermont doesn't have enough of? Pancakes! But don't worry, Bristol is working to correct this problem with our very own pancake benefit breakfast! Come on down and enjoy some wonderful pancakes and bring all your best friends.

APRIL 6, 10 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast in Middlebury

One thing that is really original to the town of Middlebury is pancakes. You could even say that Middlebury invented pancakes (but then you would technically be wrong). Head on over to Middlebury for a pancake breakfast unlike any other, and unique within Vermont. Bring friends! Bring your family! Bring acquaintances! Bring strangers!

APRIL 6, 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast in Vergennes

Are you craving cereal this morning? No! Literally no one ever craves cereal ever! Pancakes all the way! So come on down to Vergennes benefit pancake breakfast! We will be serving pancakes. Bring everyone in your contact list because no one will want to miss this!

APRIL 6, 12 P.M. - 2 P.M.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast in Weybridge

Is there anything better than pancakes? Not that we know of! But seriously if you know of any events besides pancake benefits happening this week please tell someone on the Local News team. Things are desperate.

APRIL 6, 2 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Benefit Luau in Honolulu

Are you sick of pancakes? And maple syrup? And maple syrup season (aka mud season) altogether? Grab your lei, sandals, and credit card, buy a plane ticket, and come on over to Honolulu. Bring your friends, frenemies, strangers, and fellow pancake breakfast attendees. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the Local News team, as they are sick of pancakes and already on the way to Hawaii.

APRIL 4 - 5, ALL DAY

THE AIRING OF GRIEVANCES

The Middlebury Campus

Guys, This is, Like, Really, Really Important

Recently, students made clear their distaste for the College's current policy regarding this problem on campus by protesting the club's meeting on the issue. Their method of protest was disruptive to the discussion, however, as they refused to use their inside voices. The discussion became heated and both sides exchanged heated words. While we recognize the importance of addressing this

problem on campus, we believe that both sides of the debate should have sat down in Proc and had a cup of tea together while calmly discussing their varied opinions. We are, after all, adults and should act as such.

Moving forward with this vital conversation, we feel there is a clear direction we must take this issue. Never before has our editorial board been so united behind a single opinion. This issue really breaks down to a question of basic human rights and there is no question as to which side we here at the *Campus* must support.

We acknowledge, however, that there are many who feel differently and we here at the *Campus* seek to acknowledge the duality of the issue.

The College administration, for example, has always supported a policy of nonintervention regarding these types of issues. It is true that, as adults, we should be able to reconcile our differences without intervention from Public Safety or the Judicial Board. Despite our

greatest hope that our student body is capable of such maturity, we can see from the aforementioned failure to speak at a respectable volume that this is likely not the case. Sometimes there are issues that are too important and too volatile to be left exclusively to students.

The *Campus* appreciates the College's efforts to leave us to our own devices, but at the same time we must point out the repercussions their inaction has on the very students this administration aims to serve.

While the College is a leader in this field, students have faced backlash for speaking frankly about it. In several instances, Public Safety was forced to intervene after conflicts between students got physical. (Thus far, no one has been kicked out for violating the one-punch rule.)

The formation of this culture of aggression should not be taken lightly by the College administrators. We at the *Campus* urge our school's leaders to take immediate steps to ensure the safety and comfort of all students on campus, irrespective of their side on this issue.

We recommend mandatory Commons-wide meetings a la the Active Threat trainings. We cannot emphasize enough that, regardless of the College's policy on the issue itself, it must take a stand against those creating an intimidating environment on campus.

Free speech is one of the founding principles of this nation, and we cannot sit idly by as members of our community threaten the continuance of this right through abuse of its implementation.

More impactful policy and greater consequences for violations of the new policy are necessary steps that we call upon those in power to take in order to create a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment.

As Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore said, "Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remedying it." We must keep this in mind because it is important.

Dumbledore also said, "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

So, yeah. If we want to be anything more than a hilltop gathering of young adults, we must choose the right choice. We must make the correct decision. We can, we will, we must.

The Middlebury Campus

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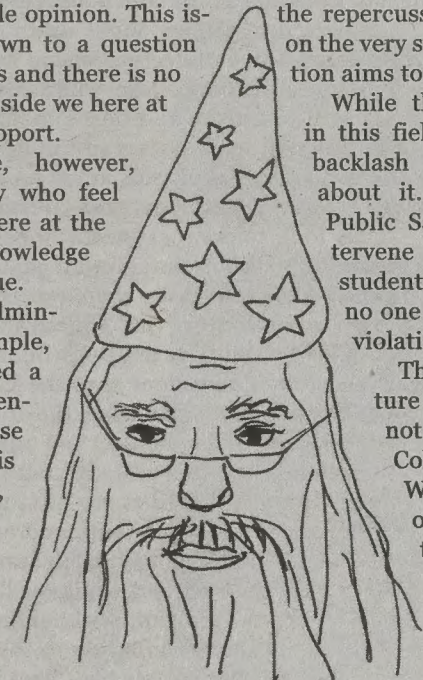
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A DROP BEAR

Erin's Metamorphosis

It's time to come clean. Ever since starting at Middlebury, I have felt myself changing. I think that it can be attributed to the social pressures of Middlebury's student body, but at this point I am sure

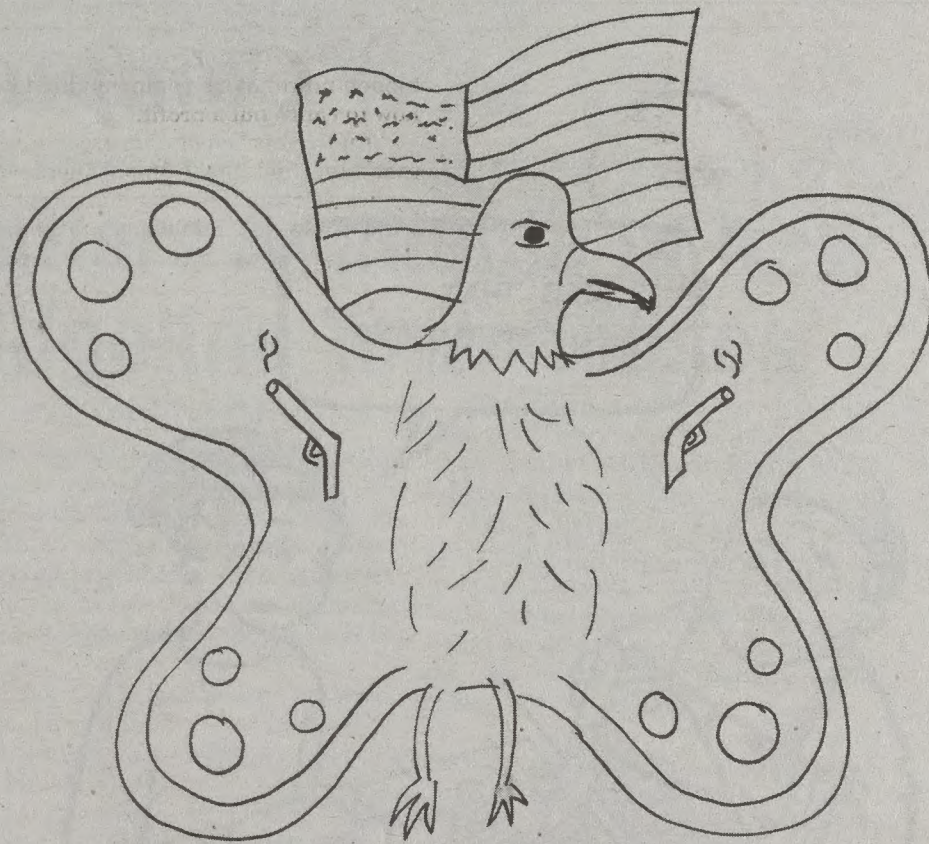
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ERIN ERIN ERIN '17 is from Summit, N.J.

that I am undergoing an ideological metamorphosis. For so long, I've been living in my liberal cocoon, but now, the strong Tea Party base at Middlebury College has shown me that it is time to shed that politically suffocating sarcophagus and spread my wings. I am now a conservative butterfly.

That's right - I don't want to pay taxes. In fact, I don't want the government telling us what to do at all, (unless it has to do with abortion or gay marriage - then it's ok.) Small business. Capitalism. Guns. Freedom. Bald eagles.

Ah, those words are music to my Republican ears. And if this red picture that I just painted appeals to you (disclaimer: the Grand Old Party does not like "twinsies!" jokes about its shared color scheme with the Communist Party) then join me on my conservative mission. We meet every Tuesday at 8PM in the classroom with the door sign that reads "AEI."



A DROP BEAR

Laurie Patton is Too Good for Midd

Something we need to take very seriously here at Middlebury is student self-esteem. That is why we can -

READER OP-ED

David Smith '17 is from New York, N.Y.

not accept Laurie Patton as president; she's just too successful. Three out of five students, when asked, revealed that soon after reading Laurie Patton's resumé, they filled out an application for McDonald's. Let's face it: the woman is too intimidating. She has a 27-page resumé while most students struggle to fill one - or rather, struggle to stick to one because that's all employers want them to have. Now, I'm not saying that our president needs to

have a one page resumé, but why not a 10 page resumé or something that any normal human can aspire to have.

I'm sure we can agree that any president of the College needs to have accomplished much before taking the keys to Old Chapel. However, recent sources have revealed that Patton may not even be human. We have it on good authority that Patton may, in fact, be a relative of Wonder Woman. Another competing, though equally viable, theory is that she has somehow obtained a time turner from the wizarding world or is descended from an ancient race of immortal elves. The fact is that modern scientists cannot account for the all the time it would have taken Patton to accomplish everything on

her resumé.

I feel that students should learn to set realistic goals without unnecessary external pressure. It is misleading to surround ourselves with high-achieving adults. We should strive to surround ourselves with realistic, similarly-minded adults (mid-level managers, lawyers at small firms, sales directors etc.) and people who will boost our self-esteem (World of Warcraft addicts, couch potatoes, and people who live in their parents' basements). Surrounded by these people, we will gain the over-confidence and mildly conceited self-perceptions we need in order to succeed.

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REINSTATE TAILGATE POLICY OR OTTER CREEK WILL RUN RED WITH BLOOD OF INNOCENTS

*Editor's Note: this article contains vulgar language.

READER OP-ED

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi
'93-5 is the leader of ISIS
from Darien, Conn.

Word travels kind of slowly out here in the Levant, but as soon as my number-one homeboy and fellow Panther, Abu "Muhammad" Ali al-Anbari '94 (Get it? Like the boxer?) let me in on the news, I knew I had to do something. So, I know I'm a little late to this party, but hear me out: this new Tailgate policy is a fucking travesty.

After we finish establishing the Islamic State and nullifying the legality of all emirates, groups, states and organizations by the expansion of the khilafah's authority and arrival of its troops into their areas, my plan was to head up to the ol' alma mater for a Homecoming weekend full of slamming brews with my boys and heckling the shit out of some Trinity fans. Now, I have nothing to look forward to. What. The. Fuck.

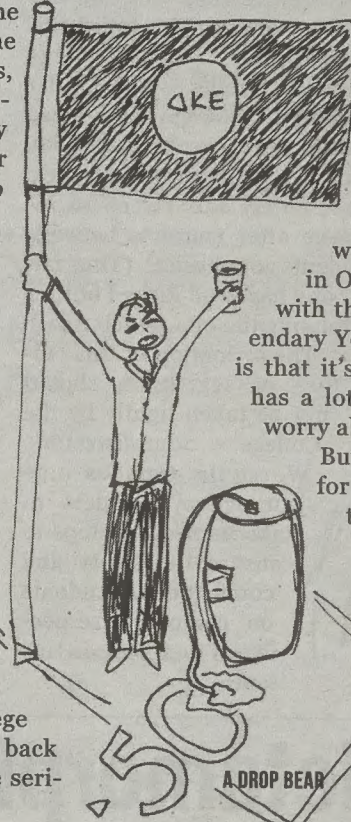
I mean, Jesus, I can't even play any Kenny goddamn Chesney from my truck speakers anymore! How do you expect me to booze my face off during the day without the accompaniment of timeless Kenny classics like "She Thinks My Jihad's Sexy" and "No Kurds, No Jews, No Problems?" And don't tell me that "no amplified music" has always been a policy of the college because you and I both know that back in the day we used to pump some serious tunes and everybody loved it.

Plus, I hear the College annexed the ΔKE house? That's messed up. How heartless do you have to be to kick these guys out of their home – and these are some of the sickest, most chill dudes I've ever known, by the way – and replace it with an office for "MiddCore" like it's nothing? Deke is family: I had some of the best nights of my whole damn life in that sweaty, pee-soaked basement. So, if it hurts them, it hurts me.

Besides, what even is "MiddCore," anyways? A small but loud faction of liberal arts heretics breaking off from the dominant pedagogical regime to establish some wildly idealistic, anti-intellectual vision for the future of the College while coopting vital resources and destabilizing traditional, local norms in the process? Actually, that sounds kinda nice.

Either way, you guys are making us look tolerant. I mean, honestly, I wouldn't even be surprised if somebody in Old Chapel had more than a little to do with the "space heater" that started the legendary Yellow House fire (RIP). All I'm saying is that it's awfully convenient that the College has a lot fewer complaints from the town to worry about now. Coincidence? You tell me.

But enough of this idle talk. It's time for action! The Middlebury administration must allow students and alumni to tailgate the way Allah intended them to or bad things will happen. I mean, withholding my annual donation to the True Blue Society bad. That way, I can say with a clean conscience that I'll have never contributed to such tyrannical, oppressive, megalomania ever again. Go Panthers.



Hermione: A Bad Influence?

It is not uncommon on this high-achieving campus for any given student, male or female, to associate themselves with Hermione Granger. Wherever you look, people carry their books like Hermione, study like Hermione and prioritize like Hermione (à la "I'm going to bed, before either of you come up with another clever idea to get us all killed. Or worse, expelled.").

Of all celebrities to emulate, Hermione is generally an above average role model. But this leads us to a serious issue on campus: the overuse of recreational time turner use to increase study time. Recent polls indicate that over 65% of Middlebury students self-report using a time turner at least 6 times in the last two weeks. Studies show that students at most risk for time turner abuse are varsity athletes, drama kids, and anyone who takes more than four classes in any given semester.

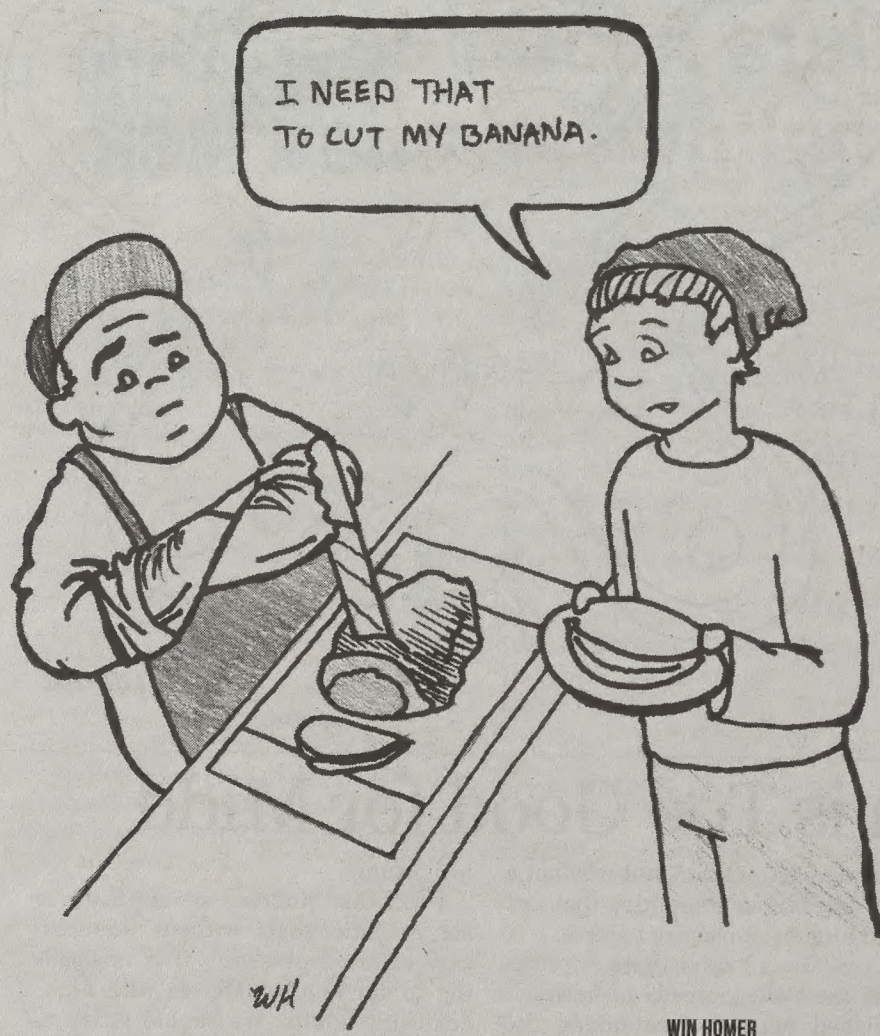
Although certainly not a hard potion (such as Felix Felicis), time turners create a problem for our community. If everyone feels the need to use a time turner to keep up with their peers, we all get trapped actually having to use them to keep up. We set ourselves up for a position where it takes any given person 48 hours to complete a day to finish the work professors come to expect from us. The workload starts to adjust as those using time turners screw up the curve, and I'll admit that I myself have felt pressured to use a time turner in the past.

This is why I address you, my fellow classmates. I write to remind you that Hermione was approved by the Ministry of Magic and that there is a reason that society limits the number of time turners allotted to students. Everyone just needs to take a chill pill, or a calming draft, and relax. If we had a successful campus commitment not to use time turners, we might all be able to find some time to relax and play Quidditch.

READER OP-ED

Ronald Bilius Weasley
'07 is a red-headed wizard
from the Burrow.

Campus Cartoons



EDITORS' NOTE

As you have probably noticed, this week's issue is a little different than usual. Every year, the first issue in April of our publication is an April Fool's edition: all stories are purely made-up and intended to lampoon some aspect of our College community. It has been a tradition long before we arrived and, despite the heartburn it causes for long-suffering Editor-in-Chief Joe Flaherty, we didn't have the heart to stop it now.

Please direct all angry emails to campus@middlebury.edu. Unless, of course, you're the SGA President: in that case, send them to the entire student body at students@middlebury.edu.

Let's take a minute to laugh at ourselves — happy April Fool's day.

Brooker Insider Reveals Application Secrets

By Ranger Rick

The only thing harder than getting into Middlebury (besides all the Ivies, Williams, Amherst, Swarthmore, and you can Bing! for a couple dozen more), is getting one of the coveted 25 beds in Brooker, the outdoor interest house in Ridgeline.

Every semester, hundreds of “crunchy” hopefuls e-mail their applications to Brooker presidents (usually rugged and attractive super senior Febs) for review.

A couple weeks later, 99.9% of them will open up their Macbooks covered in obscure outdoor retailer stickers to one disappointing e-mail: “Hey dude! Bad news, you’re not quite cool enough to live ‘fireside.’ Take a hike, literally!”

But one member of the lucky and privileged 0.01% has agreed to reveal how she beat the exclusive application system, even with her mediocre adventure skills. Maple*, a junior from Arizona, has no make-up on but still looks like a fit, thin, Caucasian model straight out of an L.L. Bean catalog with her green eyes, flawless freckled skin, and light brown hair in a loose braid.

Although Maple* has only thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail once, she made up for it by spending half of her gap year on a NOLS trip canoeing through Alaska before jet-setting to Antarctica, where she paid \$15,000 to “work” as a penguin research assistant for three months. Showing me photos, she quietly admitted her parents bought her a Canada Goose snowsuit to keep warm, but made it clear she recycled the snowsuit into high-quality bedding for rescued grass-fed cows in New Zealand after watching Food Inc.

and becoming a vegan.

In her application, she admits she may have exaggerated a couple of her actual outdoors skills. “I do rock climb ... When I was 8, I used to climb all the time at the Little Gym where I grew up in Arizona. So basically, I’ve done some steep pitches in the Red Rocks.”

However, the application only scratches the surface of the arduous process. “As soon as I knew I wanted to live in Brooker, I made sure to eat all my meals in Proctor lounge wearing only retro Patagonia.” Maple* hasn’t stepped into Ross since the second week of her freshmen year. She applied her second semester of her sophomore year. “Since I’ve been at Midd, my boobs have grown an extra cup-size. I blame the Proctor tofu.”

Although many applicants become Middlebury Mountain Club guides or join the Merry Prankster Ultimate Frisbee team to socialize with current residents, attempting to gain an edge over their equally outdoorsy peers, Maple*

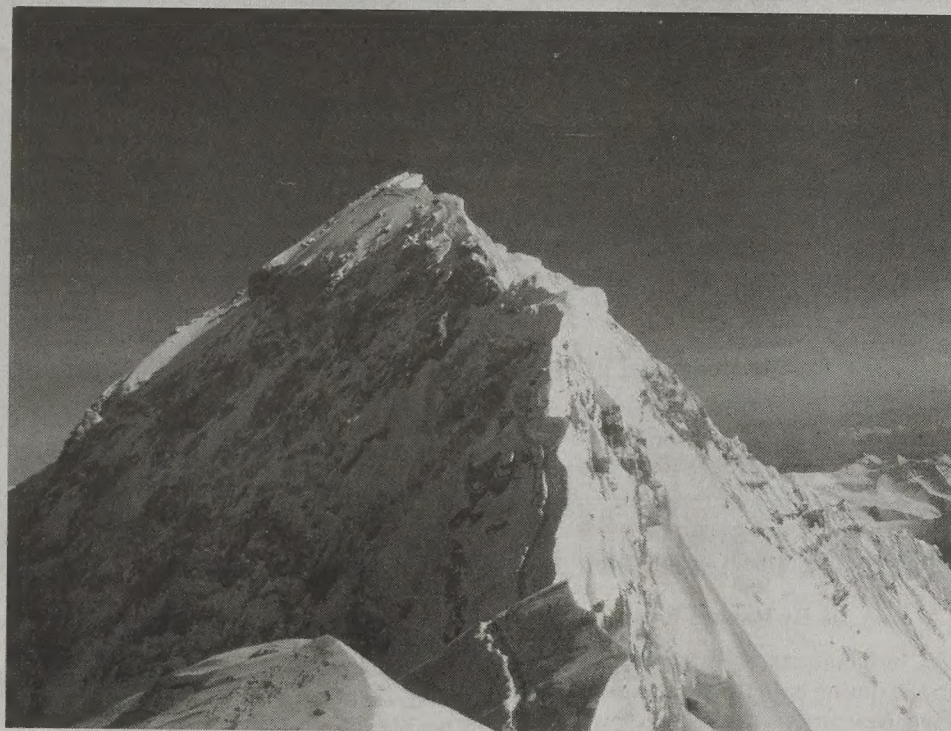
warns these attempts are often too transparent to be effective.

“Also, there are certain qualities you simply can’t have if you want to live with us, even if you’re the perfect pick, otherwise,” she said. For example, mid-Atlantic residents need not apply. “East Coast assholes, that’s totally a thing. Also private school athletes, definitely not.”

Being skilled in a privileged snowsport is also an unwritten requirement. “Most of us have skied in avalanche territory,” said Maple*. “I actually survived an avalanche while skiing in avalanche territory. It was pretty terrifying, but I’d do it again. Without that experience, I don’t think I would’ve been accepted. And Brooker life is THE life, you know.”

“As soon as I knew I wanted to live in Brooker, I made sure to eat all my meals in Proctor lounge wearing only retro Patagonia.”

BROOKER RESIDENT MAPLE



COURTESY

Getting into Brooker House: more difficult than climbing Everest but just as epic.

Sexscapades: Tickling Your Funny Bone(r)

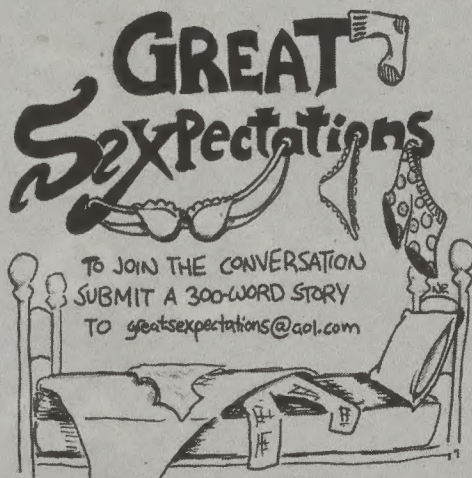
Stories Curated
by Maddie Orcutt

It was the end of J-term. Clare and I were camping in preparation for leading our FOO trip. We had been friends since freshman year, but I sensed that Clare wasn’t interested in anything more than that. As we drove down Route 7 towards our campsite, the sign at Victory Baptist Church read “the best position is on your knees.” I was prepared to take that advice.

Clare and I set up our tent and quickly started playing cards. The night soon became much cooler than we’d anticipated, and in the middle of that frightening storm, we began huddling together for warmth. Suddenly, Clare and I heard scratching nearby. We poked our heads out of the tent, only to see an elusive Vermont panther gnawing at our bear canister. Clare had hastily twisted the lid of the canister, and its contents soon exploded everywhere. Not only were we freezing, but we were also without food. Clare and I were in a really bad position to weather the storm.

In hindsight, we should have conserved our energy. Yet in our panic, Clare asked me if we should start to frantically rub our pubes together, hoping that the friction would provide us with some more warmth. I agreed somewhat pensively, remembering that the instructions on the tent had read “slippery when wet.”

The next morning, we slowly unzipped our tent, afraid of what awaited us outside.



Although the panther had stolen all of the food in our bear canister, the ground was covered with a thick layer of granola. Clare and I rushed to our backpacks to grab our stolen Proctor bowls and collect our harvest. Clare said that she liked the granola alright, but I really wished that it would have had more seeds and nuts.

The weather soon improved, and we decided to cut our camping trip a day short and head home while we could. As we were rolling up our sleeping bags, I asked Clare if she wanted to try “The Middlebury Mailroom.” Clare was unfamiliar with that position, so I explained it to her:

“It’s where I make you wait for a really long time and it’s unclear whether or not you’ll ever receive a package.”

Clare eagerly agreed.

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Butlers Available in New Ridgeline Townhouses

By I Write True Things

This week, the College’s Residential Life team decided to add new amenities to the future Ridgeline Townhouses. In addition to adding gold-plated toilets, hot tubs and zip lines to Lake Dunmore, the College has decided that all townhouses will come with a full-time, live-in butler.

In an email to the Campus, the Residential Life team said that they feel that butlers will increase student focus and productivity.

“We’ve realized that the student body is over-worked and stressed. But if we give them the ultimate pampered lifestyle, they will definitely be able to do all the readings for their courses and pick up a seventh extracurricular.”

Butlers will be hand picked from the Cambridge College of Courteous Care in Cambridge, England. All butlers will have British accents, wear tuxedos and be experts in the art of pouring tea in oriental china. On weekends, butlers can double as bartenders, DJs, massage therapists and sushi chefs if townhouse residents so choose. All butlers will come with the name Jeeves, but students can decide to rename them if they want.

The Campus called the Cambridge College of Courteous Care to talk to some of the butlers who may, in the future, take up residence at the College.

One butler who was actually named Jeeves said, “It would be a great honor to butler for such intelligent persons as the superb students of Middlebury College. I would describe the opportunity as the culmination of my extensive service career.”

“If we give them the ultimate pampered lifestyle, they will definitely be able to do all the readings for their courses and pick up a seventh extracurricular.”

EMAIL FROM THE RESIDENTIAL LIFE TEAM

Another butler, Alfred, said, “Yeah, I would totally stoked to go back to college!!! Ahem, I mean, it would please me immensely to serve the fine students there...”

The Residential Life team is aware that the demands of students on their butlers will be high so they have decided to pay these butlers over \$70,000 per semester. The College will have to cut the football, lacrosse and hockey teams in addition to raising tuition to \$100,000 a year to fund these salaries but in an email, the Residential Life team said, “Whatevaaaaaa.”

Needless to say, student reactions to the prospect of having a butler have been overwhelmingly positive.

When asked her opinion, Lila Lazy-pants ’15 fainted in delight. Other students said they are going to start being classier immediately.

Bookstore Won't Redeem Panther Points

By Super Sleuther

The College Crookstore — I mean, Bookstore — won't actually redeem your Panther Points.

The point systems, once contrived to goad students into doing their textbook shopping at the brick-and-mortar over the Amazon, is now discovered to be worthless when a senior, after four years of being a Panther loyalty member, attempted to cash out his chips.

"I went up to the cashier and they told me I didn't have any Panthers Points," Harry Goldberg '19 said. "All those years of giving them my ID number, wasted. Where the f did all my panther points go?"

Goldberg looked grief-stricken. But the cashier simply said, "lulz." When I asked the cashier why she "lulz'd," he shrugged. "We tell all our freshmen at orientation that they should sign up for

the Panther Point system and they can redeem those points for a giftcard, which is why we were able to keep the prices so high."

"For every dollar you spend, you get a Panther Point," the cashier continued. "For every \$500 you spend, you get 12 cents back. For every \$1000 you spend, you get \$50. It's fun and totally proportional. You're actually saving money with a Panther Point membership!"

But I told the cashier that they aren't proportional. "So long as the

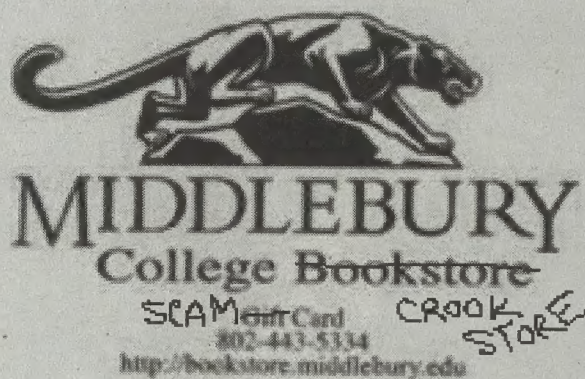
Panther Points are in circulation, the points will inflate," the cashier said. "The Panther Point-economy allows for such occurrences ... just like Greece's. And their economy is doing great."

The cashier then caught sight of Harry turning beet red. He told Harry to stop acting like it's a "big deal" and that he should just "relax" because they are just "points."

"All these years, I could have saved over \$1125 if I just bought my books on Amazon," Harry said with his ears steaming. "It was a ritualized sacrifice every time I

CASHIER AT COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

"You're actually saving money with a Panther Point membership!"



COURTESY OF NEW YORK TIMES

At Bookstore, Panther Points are a sham. Turns out there are slimmer things than bookworms.

shopped here and recited my ID number."

When I asked the jock in line behind Harry what he thought about the vaporization of his own Panther Points, he said, "yeh, the only points I care about scorin' are the ones with the ladiezzz, am I right??" He held his hand up for a high five.

"F this, I'm outta here," Harry said. He was about to storm out and slam the door until a bookstore worker with a

highlighter stopped him. "I have to see your receipt," the bookstore said.

I turned around and saw that the cashier was gone. I see him making a bee-line toward the backroom of the bookstore when I followed him. Walking in the backroom, I saw the whole of the room glimmer with what looked like actual Panther Points. Upon closer inspection, what the room was really stashing was a stack of bullshit.

Dining Hall Announces Crow as New Local Food Option

By Rachel Ray

In its effort to bring more local foods to the dining hall, the College is announcing a new protein option — crow.

Noticing the exploding population of corvus brachyrhynchos cawing menacingly across campus at twilight, Executive Chef Chili Dawg was struck by an idea.

"Leaving Proctor one evening, I was caught in a swarm of crows headed into Ridgeline Woods to haunt Palmer House and warn its residents of their impending doom when suddenly it hit me," Dawg explained. "No, not a bird but an idea. I thought what better way to go local than to eat the fauna present right here at the College! The crow could really make our local food consumption soar!"

Dining Services views serving crow as one step closer to fulfilling the Real Food Challenge, a movement in colleges and universities across the country that encourages dining halls to serve at least 20 percent "real food:" food that is fair, humane, local or ecological. The Food Cluster, EatReal and Weybridge House have all advertised their glowing support of the decision.

"In serving crow, I think the dining hall is really showing their innovative side as well as their dedication to the local food movement," said a spokesperson for

EatReal. "It is this kind of out-of-the-box thinking that can truly make a difference."

Other NESCAC schools such as Amherst College and Williams College are considering following the College's example and are evaluating the potential of their own campus wildlife as a local food source.

Dawg estimates that the College's crow population is sufficient to supply an additional protein source to students for the entire 2015-2016 academic year. Dawg anticipates crow to be found in dishes like crow quesadillas, crow noodle soup and crow parmesan, in addition to serving options like crow tenders, grilled crow breast and crow drumsticks.

When asked about taste, Dawg replied, "Tastes like chicken!"

In general, students applaud Dining Services's bold decision to serve crow.

"I hear crow is a delicacy in some countries," said one student.

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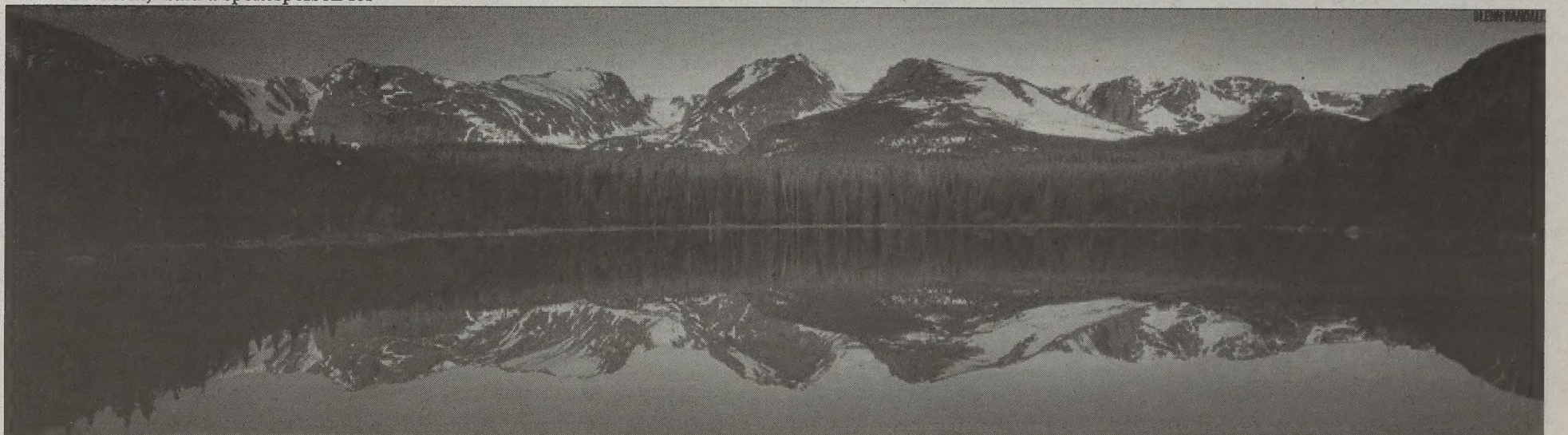
"If it means the crows stop haunting my dorm room, I'm down," added another.

Not all students may react as lightly to feasting on the College crows, however, and Dawg says he is aware of this fact.

"If students start opposing eating crows, I'm just gonna keep calm and carrion."

"The crow could really make local food consumption soar!"

EXECUTIVE CHEF CHILI DAWG



ARTS & ARTS

The Middlebury Campus

Arts and Sciences Face Crushing Blow



President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz takes matters into his own hands in his efforts to cut funding for arts and hard sciences in favor of less expensive departments. COURTESY RONALD D. LIEBOWITZ

By Amy Bleezy

President Liebowitz sent out an official email announcement last week outlining a new course of academic action for the College. As the administration strives to implement more economically beneficial practices, there has been a push for more students to follow the humanities and social science tracks, all of which have been deemed low-cost investments in terms of required course materials.

The administration hopes that in guiding students away from arts and hard science majors, reduced investments in expensive theatre equipment and state-of-the-art scientific technology will bring about drastically needed financial savings within the College's yearly budget.

A commonly voiced concern within the administration is that the arts department represents a drastically disproportionate percentage of the College's total yearly expenditures. Closed discussions with the College's financial planning committee have shed light on the absurd amount of funding directed toward stage props, costumes, lighting equipment, workshop instructors and in some cases, professional actors that perform in campus productions.

In particular, last year's extravagant and expensive showing of Pentecost sparked indignation amongst certain members of the administration. The performance featured an exploding wall in one scene, which came to a total cost of \$2,460 over the course of three nights.

"After the huge financial spectacle that was Pentecost, we're reluctant to put more money into these kinds of arts projects," Jenna Kirsching, executive director of the College's financial planning

committee, stated. "In hindsight, the exploding wall was not the most worthy investment. After that, talk of cutting costs from the arts departments started gaining momentum. It's just not sustainable — the bills keep piling up year after year. Funds are running low."

Administrative members have also expressed concern over the financial burden of bringing in professional performers for non-student-based entertainment on campus. With outside dance troupes, singer-songwriters, classical musicians, and ensembles gaining little attention from the student body despite frequent promotion from the box offices, ticket sales at the Kevin P. Mahaney Center for the Arts '84 have been suffering.

On most given nights, not enough seats are being filled to cover the heavy costs of hiring and hosting professionals from all around the world. Overall, with ticket prices averaging around \$6, the box office frequently experiences difficulty in making ends meet.

In general, students show a worryingly low awareness and interest in on-campus arts events, especially those that do not feature any of their peers.

"I might go to my friend's plays or concerts if I have time," said Bethany Georgeson '16. "But generally I don't know what's going on at CFA on the weekends. It's an extremely long walk there anyway, and the events that I do

hear about don't seem all that interesting."

On a similar, unfortunate note, the Middlebury College Museum of Art is currently facing budgetary concerns associated with expensive art exhibits. Though outside institutions and private donors sometimes help to fund the purchase, transportation, maintenance of important art pieces, such as the Outside In: Art of the Street graffiti exhibit and Visual Weimar: 1919-1933, the main burden of such high expenditures typically fall upon the College.

With free museum admission for students and steep prices for the type of highly-acclaimed, globally-recognized works of the art that the College seeks for its collections, continued financial investment in the museum is becoming more and more unfeasible.

BETHANY GEORGESON '16

"We are incredibly proud of our wide array of critically acclaimed exhibitions. We work very hard to keep them in top condition," Jana Warner, curator of the College Museum of Art, said. "Unfortunately, however, we've had to scale down on the types of art pieces that we can incorporate in our exhibits, simply because funds are running low."

On the other side of campus, in the bustling, towering building of Bicentennial Hall, the departments of hard sciences, namely Biology, Chemistry and Physics, find themselves in a similar

financial tangle. Following the installation of such equipment as the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and several dozen new shipments of standard laboratory equipment over the past several months, funds have been slowly running out for further projects.

"What's problematic is that despite all the hype for this innovative new microscope, it hasn't been utilized nearly as much as we hoped," Sandra Burkes, Associate Professor of Geology, stated. "So we've started wondering if it was even worth buying in the first place."

The exact cost of the SEM, by far the most expensive piece of technology in Bicentennial Hall to date, has not yet been disclosed. However, Burkes estimated that it was upwards of \$1 million.

While the importance of knowledge in the hard sciences remains largely uncontested, in his lengthy e-mail announcement, Liebowitz hinted at the gradual shrinking of these very programs within the College's curriculum.

"At a liberal arts institution whose strength has always laid in its flourishing humanities and social sciences programs, it is not only reasonable, but necessary, to allow for the further development of such programs through the reallocation of financial resources from departments that have previously claimed significantly disproportionate amounts of the budget," Liebowitz wrote. "Owing to difficult financial constraints, for the undetermined future, the administration will make strides to strongly prioritize the most fundamental elements of the liberal arts experience — namely language, literature, history, philosophy, religion, sociology, psychology, and anthropology — which we hope to cultivate at Middlebury."

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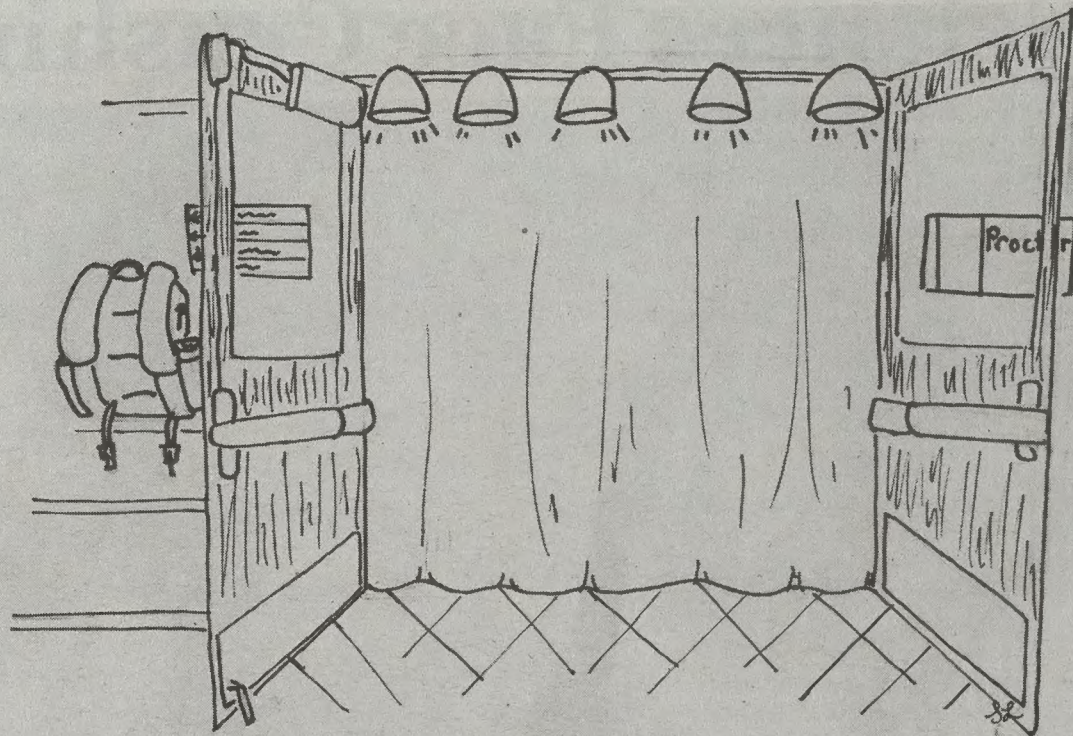
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Concert Review Outshines Concert



SARAH LAKE

By Miz Hella Beat Meeha

Rhythmic clanging, complemented by a faint pattering, opens the set and quickly fades to reveal the fear-inducing timbre of the lead singer. As she performs her routine, spinning and interacting with unsuspecting crowd members, her face is illuminated by the fiery billows of smoke emanating from the creaky, rotating metal of her equipment.

She approaches the second verse with impressive finesse, when out of nowhere a glass shatters, momentarily silencing the crowd. The focus in her eyes glistens as she rushes the scene, but the crowd has already erupted in jeering applause. The guilty onlooker bends to repair the damage, but he is too late. Our fearless performer has seamlessly incorporated this error into her choreography, sweeping both the floor and any crowd member within broomstick distance.

The performance resumes, but the silence cannot be restored. The audience is on its feet, and the show transitions into an interactive experience. Quiet murmurs transform into a call and response amongst audience of members to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat. Chants of "How was your break?" alter-

nating with "Good" fill the room, interspersed with the rare declaration of "You look so tan" from a descant of soloists. The recitation falls into a robotic, monk-like rhythm, mimicking what one might hear at a Buddhist retreat in the rural Tibetan Himalayas. The main pitfall of the hybrid music/improvisational dance/theatre piece is the lack of depth of the dialogue – the rum raisin ice cream bucket is deeper than this conversation. One looks for substance, but it cannot be found.

Bursting onto the stage in a flash of feather boas, neon spandex leggings and low inhibitions, a toned and tan mob steals the spotlight. It is unclear whether they are part of the performance or the audience, but they are certainly putting on a show. In a fit of jealousy, the lead singer attempts to reclaim attention as she parades down the aisles, snatching confidence and Keystones as she walks.

Meanwhile, backstage, the queue of ravenous riff-raff assembles in hopes of getting off the waitlist to attend the main event. Though they initially wait patiently to grab a snack while the wait, as the metallic glint of the fruit cart hits the periphery of the group's vision, like squir-

rels the mass turns, unable to look away from the approaching array of oranges, apples, bananas and grapefruit. Animalistic, insatiable appetites outweigh the dread filling the minds of those who were not able to grab the prime first spot in line as the echoing thud of a knife hitting a banana reverberates throughout the cramped corner of the room. The initial groan of impatience is followed by subsequent snorts of dismay, each louder than the last, as apples and oranges are carefully cut into origami-style frogs, swans and a panther. The scene reaches its climactic finale when the girl at the end of the line faints upon viewing the fruit artisan select a sixth orange to add to her carefully crafted Noah's Ark.

Back on the main stage, the interaction between performers and audience reaches new heights as members of the crowd bravely race toward the lead singer, shouting, "I volunteer!" As the protagonist walks methodically back and forth in front of the beverage selection like a windmill rotating in front of a mini golf hole, many are too intimidated or lack the athletic skill to deftly grab their drink of choice before she plows in their direction.

Amazingly, one performer makes it to a dispenser and is able to fill a glass and raise it to his lips while the singer restocks the shelves of tea. The audience claps in astonishment at his feat, but their praise comes too soon. The boy's fatal flaw is his pause as he looks with disgust at the brown liquid and shouts, "This doesn't taste like coffee!"

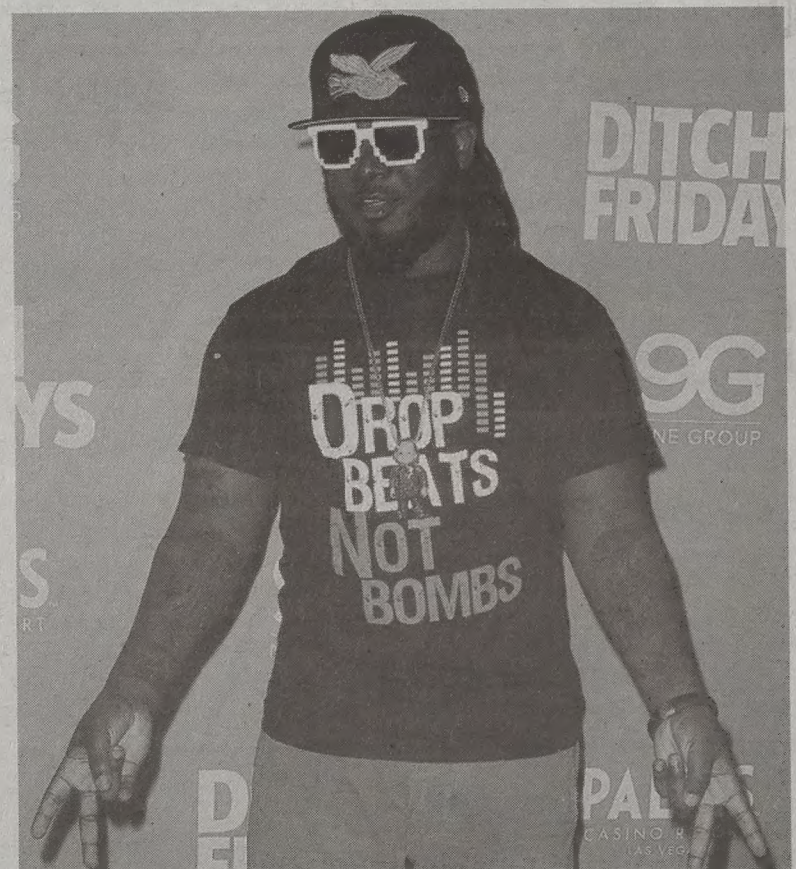
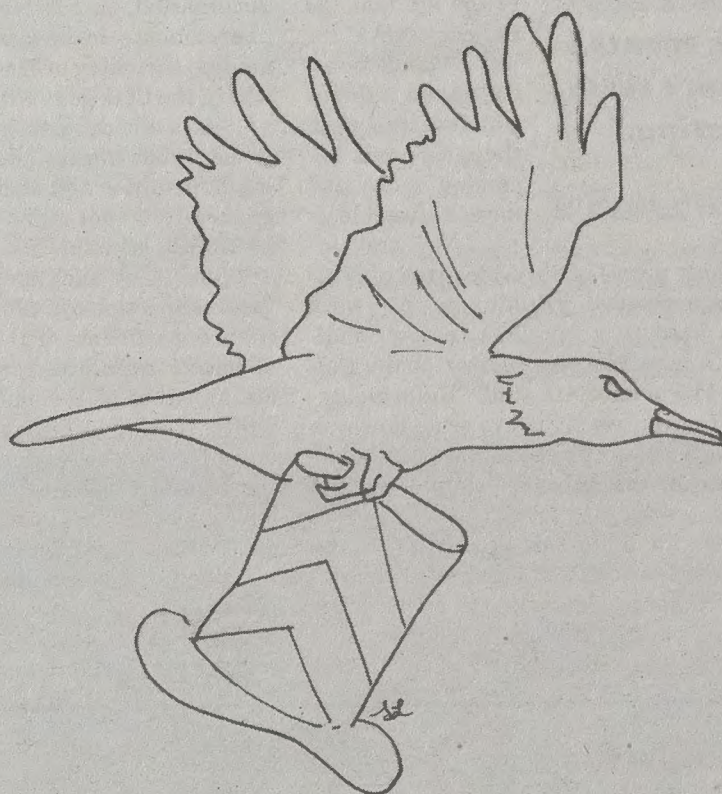
These are his final words before he looks up at the approaching performer, who fearlessly walks in his direction as he looks on like a deer caught in the headlights.

A gaggle of onlookers sprint to grab handfuls of biddie chips in napkins before scattering back to their seats in the audience.

Within moments of their return, a curious sound escapes from the speakers overhead. Replacing the cacophony of shattering glasses and clinking silverware, a blast of indie tunes fills the air to signal the show's final act.

And so another day at Proctor Dining Hall concludes as audience members disperse to their respective areas of campus, some still shaken by bold acts of bravery as they carefully look both ways while exiting the theater.

BREAKING: T-PAIN REPLACED BY COLLEGE'S OWN COUNTING CROWS



SARAH LAKE

The Middlebury College Activities Board (MCAB), the College Administration and, most of all, spring concert artist T-Pain himself were shocked at the revolutionary takeover of the concert spot by the College's own murder of crows. Middlebury students will likely represent the crows from around Campus, where they have been busy stealing Dan Vattnick's '15 lunch. Some of the newest songs debuted by the crows include I'm in Love (With a Sparrow) and 'I'm a Buy You a Seed (Shawty Snappin').

Econ Department Moves to New Offices in Field House

By Gunshow Garry

In the wake of this weekend's meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board announced a series of sweeping changes to the organization of the Middlebury Department of Athletics.

First, it was decided that the department would adopt its first ever official program motto. The new motto – which was approved by a unanimous vote of the board – will read: “Middlebury College athletics strives to push members of the college community to achieve success in academics, athletics and finance.”

“I held several meetings with leaders in the department over the past months,” said Director of Athletics James Bugle. “We really tried to tackle the question

of what the hell we were playing sports for in the first place. The answer, we realized, is finance.”

The new motto will bring with it a new series of facility and organizational changes to the department. Foremost amongst these will be a shrine in the newly constructed Virtue Field House to Panther financiers past and present. The opening of the field house will also serve as the opening ceremony for the shrine, with the inaugural class of four financiers each having a field, wall or lounge within the facility named in their honor.

“We see this as a major part of the program,” said Bugle. “Current student-athlete-financiers will walk into the facility each day, see those names up on the wall and be inspired to really hit it big on Wall Street.”

The Board also announced that the design of the new field house has been adapted to include office space for the department of economics, which will move into the new building from its current location in Warner hall in the fall of 2015.

“Again, it just made so much sense,” said Bugle. “Our student-athlete-financiers only take economics classes anyways, so this way they don’t even have to leave the building. They can watch ESPN in class, rip twine and share problem-set answers, all without walking more than a few hundred feet.”

The economics department does not necessarily see it that way, however.

“This is ridiculous,” said department chair and Alfred X. Canahuati. Professor of Economics Michael Robinson. “We’re already inundated with these stupid fucking athletes. Now we have to hang out in that building with them all day. I thought the math department was annoying, but jeez.”

Further facility changes include an overhaul to the locker rooms in the field house, each of which will now be equipped with refrigerators that are specifically designed to hold the maximum number of 30 racks.

Interviewed student-athlete-



Finance daddy Leo celebrates Middlebury's victory over Amherst in men's lacrosse.

financiers have expressed near-unanimous support for the changes.

“Chiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii,” said men’s hockey captain Remington Mossberg ’15. “I was getting pretty tired of driving my dad’s Audi all the way down to the athletic center anyways.”

Others expressed more thoughtful excitement.

“It’s always been an important part of what we do here, so I’m glad it’s being recognized like this,” said men’s lacrosse player Browning Winchester ’16. “When I look around at my teammates on the field, I often think to myself, ‘God these

guys are going to make so much money in finance.’ Maybe someday one of us will have a field house named after us.”

On the other hand, some NARPs have expressed concern about the College reinforcing the already strong relationship between athletics and finance.

“I just don’t get it,” said NARP Alex Wilson ’16. “Are these athletes, many of

whom only get in here because of sports, really the people we want running the world economy? Wouldn’t it make more sense if...”

I stopped writing down what Alex was saying at that point because I was laughing too hard. Silly NARP.

THE MIDDLEBURY GREAT GR8 EIGHT

RANKING	TEAM
	Dan's Dirty Dishes
1	THE DELUSION <i>It's real.</i>
2	CHICKEN PARM <i>Big ups to Proctor staff on this one.</i>
3	SKIING <i>Still trying to trick everyone into thinking that there is such a thing as D-I skiing.</i>
4	TIME MANAGEMENT <i>"Sports teach us valuable life lessons, like time management."</i>
5	NATURAL ICE <i>Without which we might never write the sports section.</i>
6	RAT CAGE <i>How big do I look right now?</i>
7	THE ELLIPTICAL <i>You might be able to pull you a rapper, an NBA player, or at least a dude with a car.</i>
8	WATER POLO <i>Think about it: when did The Campus last cover it? Never, because it's the only real sport.</i>

EDITORS' PICKS



REMO PLUNKETT (35-23, .603)



FRITZ PARKER (77-71, .520)



ALEX MORRIS (52-49, .514)



EMILY BUSTARD (29-29, .500)



JOE MACDONALD (48-57, .457)

Pick 'Em: Alex or Fritz in a 400 meter race?

ALEX
Fritz is goofy.

REMO's MOUSTACHE
There's gold in them there hills.

ME
All I do is win, win, win.

FRITZ
With all this free time on his hands where he could be training, a loss would just be sad.

FRITZ
I was too lazy to fill out my editors' picks, so Fritz is doing it for me.

OVER/UNDER: 100 upvotes on a yak making fun of Midd Baseball?

OVER
Is the Pope Catholic? Throw a Joe MacDonald chirp in there and you'll break 1,000.

UNDER
When one of these kids snaps, I won't be the editor they come looking for.

OVER
It's okay Joe, we still love you.

UNDER
:(

UNDER
Come on, guys, be nice to me :-(

Laurie Patton's sport of choice?

QUIDDITCH
Making the jump from Duke's subpar program to the big leagues.

DUKE BASKETBALL
Stupid question.

CURLING
That pantsuit means business.

WATER POLO
What else? I think Midd Polo is in for a surge of extra funding...

BASEBALL
Please?

NARPs: Love 'em or Hate 'em?

LOVE
I'm loyal to my people.

???
I don't think I know any NARPs...

EH
Remo seems kinda chill.

NEITHER
NARP = Not A Real Person.

LOVE
On the real though, how good do I look in a wetsuit?

BY THE NUMB3RS

Number of sports at Middlebury.

0

Ha!

69

Number of hours Fritz spends in class every week. Do less....

1

Number of tailgates planned for this spring. Fight the power.

20

Number of NARPs that have used the new Field House.

6

